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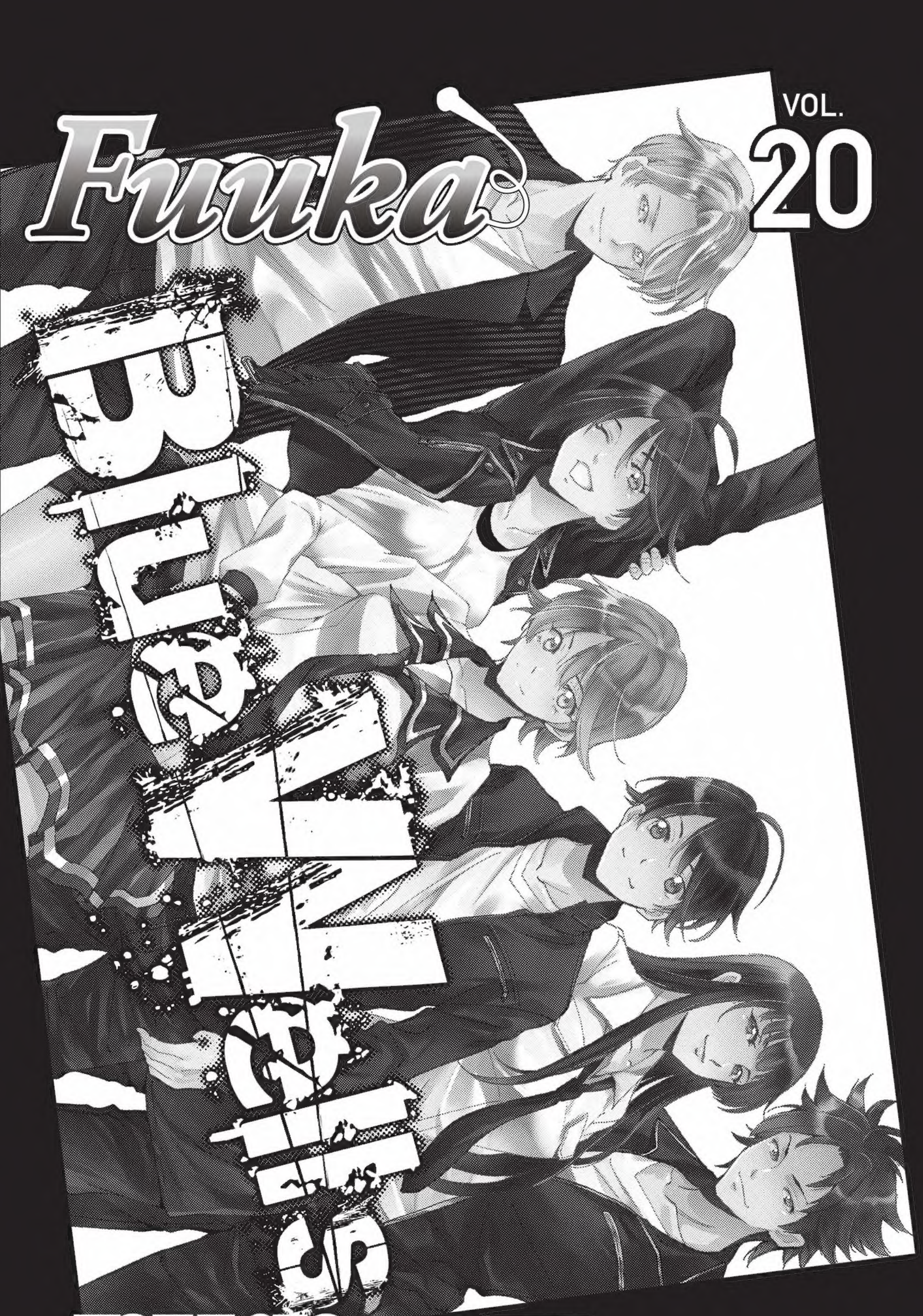

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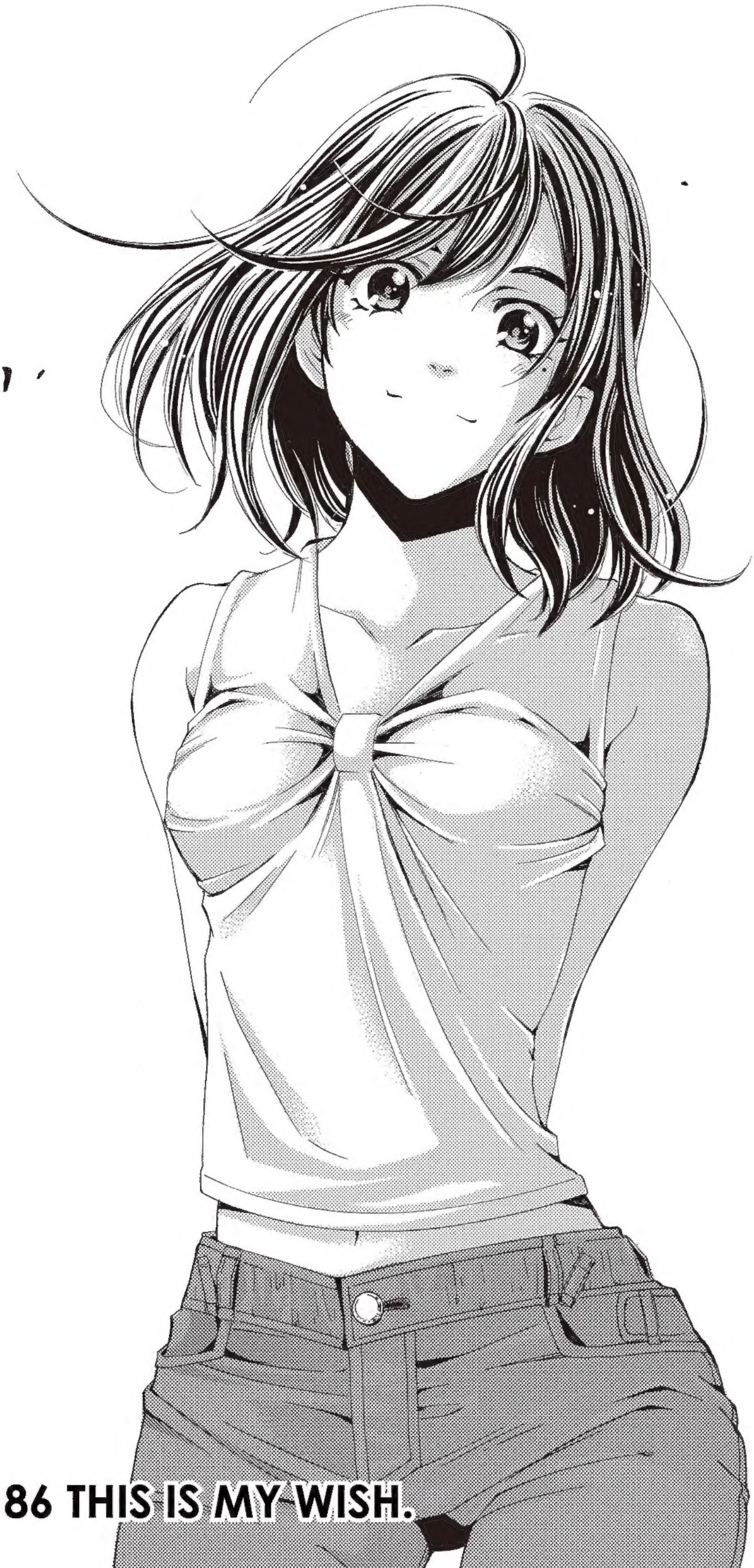

186 THIS IS MY WISH.

...ONE HOUR BEFORE SHELLEY HORNET'S APPEARANCE WITH THE HEDGEHOGS.

THE ZETA MUSIC FESTIVAL VENUE...

YO. DO WE HAVE THE BACK TRACK?!

WORRY ABOUT THAT LATER!

HURRY UP! WE'RE OUT OF TIME!!

I WONDER WHAT IN THE WORLD PRESIDENT AMAYA'S THINKING...

...ASKING US TO PUT THE HEDGEHOGS AND SHELLEY HORNET IN OUR FESTIVAL.

SHE MUST HAVE FINALLY LOST HER MIND.

MOST OF IT IS PROBABLY JUST THE TYPICAL SELFISHNESS OF FOREIGN ARTISTS. BUT IT CERTAINLY WORKS OUT FOR US.

YOU THINK THERE'S SOME KIND OF PROBLEM?

HUH?

...TO AGREE TO THAT OTHER THING, TOO?

BUT ARE YOU SURE IT WAS A GOOD IDEA.

MAKE IT SO ANY ATTENDEES WITH A RE-ENTRY WRISTBAND FROM EITHER OF OUR FESTIVALS CAN MOVE BACK AND FORTH FREELY BETWEEN THE TWO.

. . .

. . .

THERE'S ONE THING I WANT IN RETURN.

IN FACT, I'M A LITTLE WORRIED THEY'RE GOING TO LOSE THEIR ENTIRE AUDIENCE.

WHO'S GOING TO MAKE THE TREK OVER THERE TO SEE SOME NOTHING BAND LIKE BLUE WELLS?

OUR HEADLINER IS SHELLEY HORNET AND THE HEDGE-HOGS.

...

WHEW_

I-IT MUST BE TOUGH BEING IN RABBITZ.

YEAH.

HAVING TO DRESS LIKE THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, AND WITH THAT RABBIT HEAD ON, NO LESS_

THAT'S GOTTA BE HELL.

HEE HEE.

NOT REALLY, ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT.

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE, THOUGH.

FOR CAUSING ALL THIS TROUBLE BY BEING PART OF THE OPENING ACT...

NO TROUBLE AT ALL!!

IN FACT, WE'RE GRATEFUL YOU DID!

YEAH! IT MADE THINGS REALLY EXCITING, AND ABOVE ALL, IT MADE US REALLY HAPPY!

ACTUALLY, MAYBE WE SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR MAKING YOU GO ON STAGE TWICE!

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

BUT TAMA-CHAN...

WHY DID YOU DO ALL THIS FOR US?

BE-CAUSE...

...

THIS IS MY WISH.

...HAS BEEN MOVED TO A 7:30 P.M. PERFORMANCE AT THE ZETA MUSIC FESTIVAL.

THE SHELLEY HORNET PERFORMANCE SCHEDULED FOR 6:45 P.M...

WHAT THE HELL?! I CAME HERE TO SEE SHELLEY!

YAMMER

YAMMER

HUH?! WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

THOSE WHO WISH TO SEE SHELLEY HORNET'S PERFORMANCE, WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE TROUBLE, BUT PLEASE RELOCATE TO THE ZETA MUSIC FESTIVAL STAGE.

...

IN ADDITION, YOUR RE-ENTRY WRISTBANDS CAN NOW BE USED FOR ENTRY TO ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL.

Blue Wells

DO YOU REALLY HAVE SO LITTLE FAITH IN BLUE WELLS?

LOOK AT THAT FACE.

IT WOULD BE WORSE IF WE ANNOUNCED IT AT THE LAST MINUTE.

BUT IF WE MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS EARLY, THE WHOLE AUDIENCE WILL LEAVE BEFORE BLUE WELLS EVEN STARTS!

IT'S NOT THAT AT ALL!

...WANT TO MAKE THIS FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

I JUST...

C'MON, LET'S GO OVER TO ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL !!

HUH? BUT BLUE WELLS IS--

WHO CARES?! LET'S MOVE BEFORE THERE'S NO ROOM LEFT!!

A-AOBA-CHAN!

BUT EVERYONE'S BEING SELFISH!

FINE! JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!!

HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GUYS GOING?!

HUH?!

RABBITZ?!

RABBITZ'S SHOW IS ABOUT TO START!!

WE HOPE YOU'LL STAY AND WATCH!!

WE'RE GOING TO BE PERFORMING HERE IN SHELLEY'S PLACE!!

BUT ARE THEY REALLY GOOD ENOUGH TO TAKE SHELLEY'S PLACE?

I MEAN, RABBITZ ISN'T BAD OR ANYTHING...

WHAT THE HECK?!

HUH?! IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?!

UM, BEFORE WE START THE SHOW...

...WE HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR EVERYONE!

YEAH, WE SHOULD STILL GO OVER THERE!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

WE CAN SEE RABBITZ ANYTIME, REALLY.

OOI-SAN...

KITAKAMI-SAN...

...WITH MY SELFISHNESS FOR A YEAR AND A HALF.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GOING ALONG.

WH-WHAT IS SHE--

WHA --?

ABCY

...AS OF THE END OF THIS FESTIVAL...

THE TRUTH IS...

...OUR BAND, RABBITZ...

...IS GOING TO DISBAND!!

YOU SEE...

DIS--

DISBAND ?!

WHAT'S GOING ON?! THE RABBITZ VOCALIST WAS KOYUKI HINASHI?!

HUH?! IT'S KOYUKI HINASHI!!

WHAT?!

ISN'T THAT--

...I WANTED TO BE IN A BAND WITH NIKO-KUN THAT WOULD BE EVEN BETTER THAN THEM.

THONK

EVER SINCE I FIRST ENCOUNTERED THE HEDGEHOGS...

BETTER COMMIT IT TO MEMORY !!

EVERYONE READY?! OUR LAST CONCERT STARTS NOW!

BECAUSE WE'VE EACH CHOSEN DIFFERENT PATHS TO TAKE US FORWARD.

BWAAANG

BUT I KNOW THAT CAN NEVER HAPPEN.

YEAH!! WE'D REGRET IT FOR SURE IF WE MISSED THIS !!

WOOOO

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE GOING TO ZETA MUSIC'S FESTIVAL !!

...AGAINST A COLLAB BETWEEN SHELLEY HORNET AND THE HEDGE-HOGS.

BOM

BOM

BOM

HONESTLY, MAYBE RABBITZ REALLY DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE...

BUT...

...JUST MIGHT BE THE ONE BAND CAPABLE OF THAT MIRACLE...

I THINK NIKO-KUN AND HIS BAND...

KOYUKI HINASHI...

SHE REALLY IS JUST A GENIUS.

...

VERY COOL.

W-WOW.

IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE OPENING ACT.

WOOOO

...IS KEEP ALL OF THESE FANS HERE, WHATEVER IT TAKES.

AND THE BEST THING WE CAN DO NOW...

PLEASE SHOW ME...

SO PLEASE...

THAT THE BAND I ENTRUSTED MY WISH TO...

...CAN REALLY SURPASS THE HEDGEHOGS !!

TAMA-CHAN...

...

...

THE CROWD'S NOT GROWING AS MUCH AS I EXPECTED.

THEY SHOULD HAVE MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OVER THERE, TOO.

TRUE.

MAYBE...

...WE SHOULD TAKE STEPS, JUST TO BE SAFE.

ARE YOU GUYS...

...READY TO LIVE UP TO KOYUKI-CHAN'S WISH?

BETTER BELIEVE IT.

JUST LOOK AT ALL SHE'S DONE FOR US.

IF WE PUT ON A BAD SHOW NOW, WE CAN NEVER FACE HER.

I AGREE.

IT'S FINALLY TIME.

ALL RIGHT!

OUR CONCERT IS STARTING!

C'MON, LET'S GO!!

TIME TO CREATE A LEGEND!!

187 WINGS OF LIGHT!

SO IT'S FINALLY OUR TURN.

YEP! WE FINALLY MADE IT THIS FAR.

HUH?

ANYTHING YOU WANT TO SAY TO US FIRST, HARUNA?

THIS MIGHT BE OUR LAST SHOW TOGETHER, YOU KNOW.

...

WELL...

HUH?

I SAW BIG WINGS OF LIGHT ON HER BACK.

WHEN FUUKA AKITSUKI SANG FOR US...

SO I STILL HAVE MY CONCERNS...

...ABOUT WHETHER I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET THIS BAND TO THAT LEVEL AFTER SHE LEFT IT TO ME.

AND ABOUT HAVING SOMEONE AS DULL AS ME FOR A VOCALIST.

BUT...

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT. RIGHT?

SO I'LL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT.

IT'S TRUE THAT YOU LOOKED PATHETICALLY WEAK AFTER FUUKA PASSED AWAY. WE COULDN'T EVEN BEAR TO WATCH YOU.

BUT YOUR PASSION CAME THROUGH TO US LOUD AND CLEAR.

HUH?

DUDE, COULD YOUR SELF-ESTEEM BE ANY LOWER?

FOR REAL.

...ALL OF OUR HEARTS WERE DRAWN TO YOU.

I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S WHY...

IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FUUKA AKITSUKI WHO BROUGHT US TOGETHER.

BUT...

HAVE A LITTLE MORE CONFIDENCE!

DON'T YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH WE DEPEND ON YOU?!

WITHOUT QUESTION, THE ONE WHO CREATED THIS BAND...

...WAS YOU, YUU HARUNA.

LET'S MAKE SURE...

...WE SHOW THIS TO FUUKA-CHAN.

WE HAVE TO SHOW HER...

...WHAT AN AMAZING BAND WE ARE NOW!

WHOOOOSH

HUH?

BY THE WAY, WHAT DID YOU MEAN EARLIER WHEN YOU SAID, "JUST TO BE SAFE"?

SUMMER

HEH HEH. WHAT A THRILL.

COULD THERE BE ANY BAND BETTER IN JAPAN--

NO, IN THE WHOLE WORLD?

OH.

DID I SAY THAT?

IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME...

...FOR BLUE WELLS TO PLAY.

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE THEM A LITTLE PEP TALK, AS THEIR SENPAI?

THEY'VE GOTTA BE NERVOUS ABOUT GOING UP AGAINST THEIR IDOLS, THE HEDGE-HOGS.

...

!!

AH, SPEAK OF THE DEVIL.

BLUE WELLS, TIME TO START GETTING READY!

!!

SHIVER

...

THEY'RE REALLY SERIOUS...

...ABOUT MAKING A NEW WIND BLOW, HUH?

NOT WITHOUT YOU!

THERE'S NO POINT!

...

THIS IS MY OWN WILL.

...

YOU'RE WRONG!

I WANT TO START UP WITH THE SAME MEMBERS AGAIN!!

PLEASE!

...

I'M ASKING IF YOU WILL OR WILL NOT DO IT!!

I'M NOT ASKING YOU IF YOU CAN OR CAN'T DO IT!!

YUU-KUN.

...

WE CAN SEE THEM, TOO.

BIG WINGS OF LIGHT ON YOUR BACK.

YAMMER

YAMMER

AND HOW AWESOME IS IT THAT WE'RE ALLOWED TO UPLOAD ALL THE VIDEOS WE WANT?

YES!! DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG I'VE WAITED FOR THIS DAY?!

IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR BLUE WELLS!!

WELL, THIS OKONOMIYAKI IS SO GOOD!

THINK YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH TO EAT YET, MAYA?

UGH, I'M SO NERVOUS!!

MAYBE WE SHOULD GO CHEER THEM ON, TOO!

I AGREE!

NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO, YUU HARUNA!

I CAN'T WAIT!

ME, EITHER.

BUM

BUM

BUM

BUM

BUM

BUM

BUM

BUM

BUM

ALL RIGHT!

IT'S STARTING !!

DARN IT...

WHERE IS AOBA-CHAN NOW?

SHE'S THE ONE WHO WAS SO EXCITED FOR THIS.

OOH...!

LEAN

FIEL

"WINGS
OF
LIGHT."

VWOOOOM

HERE WE GO!

BRING IT ON!!

"CLIMBER'S HIGH!"

WOOOO

WOOOO

THIS IS--

BLUE SUMMER

...

FUCK IT!

FOR REAL?

THESE GUYS ARE SO--

...

INCRED-IBLE.

Fuuka

ALL RIGHT.

IF YOU CAN PLAY AT A LEVEL THAT SATISFIES ME, I'LL LET YOU PLAY ON THE STAGE AT OUR FINAL TOUR STOP.

SPAAANG

TMP

BAM

BAM

TMP

HAVE I GOTTEN A LITTLE BIT CLOSER TO YOUR LEVEL?

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY DRUMMING NOW, YASSAN?

NO-- MAYBE I SHOULD SAY THE RHYTHM ITSELF IS ALIVE.

HE'S REALLY EXPRESSING THE RHYTHM IN HIS SOUND.

TMP

HE'S COM-PLETELY...

BAM

BAM

BAM

IN CONTROL OF THE BAND!

YOU'RE GONNA PLAY THIS SONG.

THEN YOU WRITE IT.

STILL NOT THERE YET...

IT'S STILL NOWHERE NEAR HOW NIKO'S BASS SOUNDED BACK THEN!!

PIK

BEKI

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IT WAS THE BEST HE COULD DO TO JUST FOLLOW ALONG BEFORE. AND NOW--?!

DUDE. JUST HOW MUCH TIME HAS HE SPENT PRACTICING?

IT'S LIKE HIS SLAP IS A LIVING CREATURE.

HE SURPASSED ME SO EASILY.

HEH.

IT SOUNDS FREAKIN' AWESOME!!

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT BASS?!

WOOOO

WOW!!

I WON'T LET ANYONE SAY I PLAYED ANYTHING WEIRD WITH THIS GUITAR.

THIS GUITAR... AND THE SPIRIT OF THE HEDGEHOGS.

WE'RE ENTRUSTING IT ALL TO YOU.

I WON'T LET PEOPLE KNOW ME AS THE SISTER OF THE HEDGEHOGS' GUITARIST FOREVER.

SO YOU'RE HISASHI'S SISTER.

I SEE.

I ABSOLUTELY...

...REFUSE!!

SHE'S A BRIGHT RED FIRE ON THE OUTSIDE...

...BUT HER SPIRIT IS A CALM BLUE FLAME.

HER MOVES ARE SO INTENSE...

...BUT SHE'S STILL PLAYING CALMLY. SO IT DOESN'T AFFECT THE PERFOR-MANCE.

TSK!

WE MIGHT JUST...

...CRUSH ALL THOSE AMBITIONS OF YOURS.

HUH.

. . .

SHE'S ABLE TO ADD IMPROVISATIONS THAT FIT THE LIVE ATMOSPHERE NOW.

SHE'S NOT JUST BACKING THEM UP. SHE'S ADDING HER OWN ACCENTS AND BOOSTING THE BAND HIGHER.

...HAVEN'T YOU, SARA-CHAN?

I THINK YOU'VE GROWN UP EVEN MORE SINCE YOU CAME BACK FROM ENGLAND...

THE WAY YOU PLAY YOUR GUITAR PHRASES...

...SOUNDS ALMOST LIKE SINGING.

ZHWAAAAAG

ZHWWAAAAAG

TOMOMI-SAN...

HE'S GIVING WEIGHT TO THE SOUND WHILE ADDING HIS OWN PHRASES ON TOP OF IT.

HE'S MAKING USE OF HIS CLASSICAL BACKGROUND TO PLAY WITH A ROCK STYLE.

A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER NAMED MAKOTO MIKASA.

NO MATTER WHEN OR IN WHAT COLOR YOU BLOOM, YOU'RE STILL YOU...

I'M GRATEFUL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.

I'M TRULY GLAD I MET YOU.

...

YEAH...

SO HE DOES.

BOUNCE ピョン

BOUNCE ピョン

CHECK IT OUT, DAD!!

HE LOOKS SO COOL!!

WOOOO

THEY'RE GUIDING THE SOUND PERFECTLY WITH THEIR VOICES.

THEY SING AT AN ACOUSTIC LEVEL THAT'S NOT OVERWHELMED BY THE STRONG INDIVIDUALISM OF THE INSTRUMENTS.

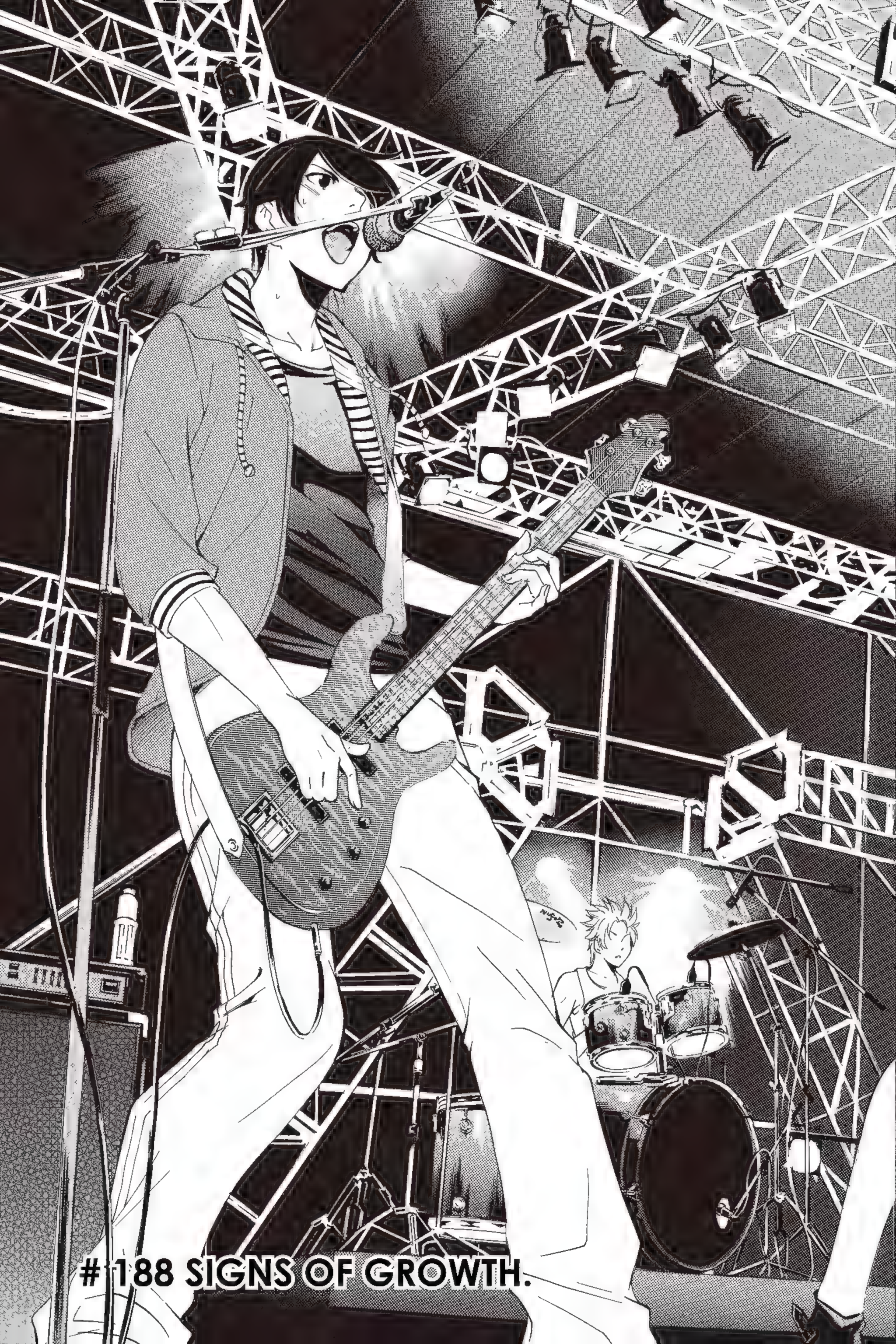
THAT QUESTION...

DO YOU TWO LOVE MUSIC?

BY THE WAY...

...

...WASN'T EVEN WORTH ASKING.



188 SIGNS OF GROWTH.

WOOOO

THE CHEERS ARE SO LOUD.

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CLATTER

CLATTER

HM?

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TRENDING

1 #Blue Wells
153,874件のツイート TWEETS

2 HEDGE HOGS
138,809件のツイート TWEETS

3 シェリー・ホーネット SHELLEY HORNET
125,497件のツイート TWEETS

4 コラボ COLLAB
959,884件のツイート TWEETS

I'LL HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE PRESIDENT.

LOOKS LIKE I WAS WORRIED FOR NO REASON.

THANK YOU!!

READY FOR OUR NEXT SONG?!

HM?

. . .

!!

WH- WHY--

WHA--

HUH?

WHAT?

...COMING FROM OUR INSTRUMENTS !!

THERE'S NO SOUND....

YOU THINK IT'S PART OF THE SHOW?

HURRY UP AND PLAY THE NEXT SONG!

WHAT HAPPENED?

W-WE DON'T KNOW!!

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THE OUTPUT FROM EVERYTHING BUT THE MICS SUDDENLY STOPPED.

WHERE'S THE SOUND?!

BLU

THE GOD OF BANDS...

...PREFERS THE STRONG.

IT SHOULD BE ABOUT TIME...

HUH?

STAFF

DID A CABLE GET UNPLUGGED SOMEWHERE?!

NO...

...

WE'RE TRYING TO FIND OUT!!

WELL, DO IT FASTER!

AFTER WE FINALLY MADE IT THIS FAR...

NOW WE'LL NEVER--

B-BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME--

LET'S GO, KUMANO!!

WE'RE GONNA FIND IT AND FIX IT OURSELVES!

HU?

TAMA SAYS THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, PREZ.

REMEMBER...

I ALREADY TAUGHT YOU...

...WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, DIDN'T I?

WELL, HURRY UP AND FIGURE OUT WHY!
THE INSTRUMENTS AREN'T GETTING ANY POWER!!
WHY ARE JUST THE INSTRUMENTS NOT WORKING?! THAT AIN'T RIGHT!
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!
BLUE

Fuuka

189 A MANAGER'S JOB.

HEY!!

?!

I NEED TO UNPLUG THE MICS, TOO.

STAFF

MAN, THAT WAS JUST THE POWER SUPPLY TO THE INSTRUMENTS.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?!

BLUE SUMMER

WH- WHAT'S GOING ON?!

DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO--

ALSO, THE SOUND AT OUR CONCERT CUT OUT JUST NOW.

WHO... ...ARE YOU?!

I KNOW ALL OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS!

THEY TOLD ME TO CHECK ON THE GENERATOR--

ER... WELL...

WHAM

HGK...

STAY OUTTA MY WAY, YOU BITCH.

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

MY JOB IS TO RUIN THIS CONCERT.

BLUE SUMMER

!!

FLUMP

SWFF

!!

NO WAY! OF ALL THE TIMES--

IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH THE EQUIPMENT?

IT'S OKAY.

WE HAVE THE BEST STAFF IN THE WORLD TO TAKE CARE OF IT FOR US.

HUH?

SO...

PING

THAT'S IT!

THAT'S GOTTA BE IT!

YEAH.

I KNOW.

THE LIGHTS!

SHUT OFF ALL THE LIGHTS!!

HUH?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?

IF WE KILL THE LIGHTS ON TOP OF ALL THIS...

THINK OF THE HEDGEHOGS' FESTIVAL!!

DIDN'T YOU SEE IT?!

YEAH, SO WHAT—

JUST SHUT OFF THE DAMN LIGHTS ALREADY!!

NEXT...

WE'D LIKE TO DO A SONG BY THE BAND WE RESPECT MOST OF ALL.

CHANK

HUH?!

OH MY GOD!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

"THE TOWN WHERE THE STARS FALL."

ARE THEY GONNA SING A CAPELLA?

!!

THE TOWN FLICKERS...

...IN THE DISTANCE...

...FADING AWAY...

...IN MY MEMORY.

NOW I GET IT.

...SO THEY'RE BUYING US TIME UNTIL THEN...!

THEY'RE SURE THE INSTRUMENTS WILL COME BACK.

WOOO

WHOA!! THIS IS JUST LIKE WHAT THE HEDGEHOGS DID AT THEIR FESTIVAL!!

THERE'S NO WAY THIS WON'T PUMP UP THE CROWD!!

WHUD

WHUD

WHUD

LET GO OF ME, DAMN IT!!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, YOU FREAK?!

WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS FESTIVAL SHOULDN'T MEAN SHIT TO YOU!!

WHY ARE YOU TAKING IT SO SERIOUSLY?!

IT'S JUST SOME PART-TIME GIG FOR YOU TOO, ISN'T IT?!

I WON'T !!

GRIND

I WON'T LET YOU UNPLUG THE MICS, NO MATTER WHAT!

HUFF

THAT'S WHY...

HUFF

HUH?

I CAN HEAR...

...HARUNA-SAN AND AOI-SAN SINGING.

...MY JOB AS THEIR MANAGER IS TO PROTECT THAT!!

EVEN IF IT COSTS MY LIFE...

FLINCH

WELL, THIS JOB IS GONNA PAY OFF MY DEBT.

KSHINK

NGH!!

BLUE SUMMER

IF I HAVE TO CUT YOUR FINGERS OFF, I'M PULLING THAT PLUG!

CRACK
TUFF

WHA--

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY MANAGER?!

OW...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

LOOK HOW BEAT-UP YOU ARE!

BLUE SUMM

PRE--

PRESIDENT!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!

BLUE SUMMER

I HEARD WE WEREN'T GETTING ANY POWER. SO I CAME TO SEE WHY. AND I FIND THIS?

WE HEARD A REALLY LOUD NOISE!

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

WHA--?!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

!!

KUMANO!!

I'M ON IT!!

M-MAMIYA-SAN!

THE INSTRUMENTS WERE UNPLUGGED FROM THE GENERATOR.

QUICKLY, GET TO THE CABLES--

WE'RE ALL CLEAR!!

OK!

ALL RIGHT! JUST IN TIME FOR THE CHORUS!!

WE HAVE POWER !!

!!

!!

...I SEE THE SAME...

WHEN I STOP MOVING AND LOOK UP AT THE SKY...

HAAH...

...STARS FROM BACK THEN.

TWIST

TWIST

A STARLIGHT SHINING IN THE WINTER NIGHT!!

WOOOO

I PRAY
INSIDE AS
I CLOSE
MY EYES
TONIGHT!!

I WASN'T SURE HOW WELL A BALLAD WOULD FIT IN A FESTIVAL...

THE INSTRUMENTS CAME IN AT THE CHORUS?!

THESE GUYS REALLY CAN PUT ON AN AWESOME SHOW!

BUT THIS IS TOO AMAZING!!

THEY USED A TIGHT SITUATION TO HYPE UP THE CROWD EVEN MORE.

. . .

THIS BAND THAT CHARMED YOU SO MUCH...

...REALLY IS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

WOOOO

AND IT'S THANKS TO YOU, AOBA-CHAN.

THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING THIS CONCERT.

OH, THANK GOODNESS... I CAN HEAR THE INSTRU-MENTS.

WHAT A RELIEF.

YES.

IT IS.

BLUE SUMMER

PRESI-DENT...

...

PRESIDEE-EEENT!

BWAAH

WAAAAH!!

I WAS SO SCARED!!

YES... I KNOW.

IT HURTS SO MUCH!

HE KEPT KICKING ME AND KICKING ME!

YOU REALLY HUNG IN THERE.

NOW, LET'S GET YOU PATCHED UP.

WOOOO

WAAAAAH!!

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
BLUE SUMMER
TIMETABLE
VWOOOOSH

#190 A BAND GODDESS!

THE WIND'S SO STRONG!!

YEEK!

I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT SHOULDN'T WE CALL THIS OFF NOW?

YO, PREZ!

WHOA, THIS COULD BE BAD!!

...BUT FOR THE SAKE OF THE GUESTS' SAFETY, WE SHOULD--

YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'D LOVE TO LET THEM CONTINUE IF I COULD...

WE'LL HAVE MAJOR TROUBLE IF THE SET FALLS OVER!

HEY, GUYS!

YOU HOLDING OUT IN THIS CRAZY WIND?!

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT SAYING YOU'RE GONNA STOP NOW!

WE'RE TOTALLY FINE!!

WOOOO

YEEEAH !!

YOU BETTER BELIEVE WE'RE NOT STOPPING!

READY FOR THE NEXT SONG?!

...WILL BE MINE.

THE FULL RESPONSI-BILITY...

B-BUT IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN--

STAFF

THIS THING ISN'T OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER.

WE'RE GO.

DON'T BLAME ME IF ANYTHING HAPPENS, THEN!!

...

THAT'S THEIR AGENCY'S PRESIDENT FOR YA.

...ALL THE WAY TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH...

ROARRRR

THIS NEXT SONG WILL PROVIDE THE WIND THAT'LL CARRY THE HEAT OF THIS FESTIVAL...

"FAIR WIND"!!

HERE WE GO...!!

CREAK
キッ…

?!

CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

WHAT?!

TH-THE SET FELL APART!

IT'S TOO RISKY TO LET THE CONCERT CONTINUE!!

MU
SUMMER

WHOA!!

YAAAH !!

NGH!!

WE CAN'T!! IF WE LET THIS GO ON AND SHELLEY HORNET GETS HURT, IT'LL BE BIG TROUBLE!

CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT?! WE'RE SO CLOSE TO THE END!

YAMMER

IT'S DANGEROUS TO REMAIN HERE SO WE REQUEST THAT ALL GUESTS LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY.

WHAT KIND OF HALF-ASSED DEAL IS THIS?!

YAMMER

ARE YOU SERIOUS?! AFTER I CAME ALL THE WAY OVER HERE?!

WHAT?!

WE ARE VERY SORRY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CONCERT MUST BE CANCELED DUE TO HIGH WINDS.

HM?

AH--

DON'T BE DUMB.

THE SET ALREADY BROKE.

AW, SURE WE CAN!

I GUESS WE CAN'T KEEP GOING IN THIS.

.....
.....
.....

I'M IN!!

SHOULD WE GO BACK TO THEIR FESTIVAL, TOO?

YEAH-- DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE'LL BE ASKED FOR AN ENCORE.

YAMMER

HEY, IS THAT OTHER FESTIVAL STILL GOING ON?!

YAMMER

OH! I BET THEY'RE STREAMING IT LIVE!!

YAMMER

LET'S GO OVER THERE!! WE CAN GET IN WITH OUR WRIST-BANDS!!

AH... WAIT!

WE'RE NOT OBLIGATED TO TELL THEM THAT THE OTHER FESTIVAL IS STILL GOING ON!

W-WELL, PLAY SOME KIND OF MUSIC! I DON'T CARE WHAT!!

DON'T BOTHER.

HUH?

SLIP

IT WOULDN'T BE VERY CLASSY OF YOU TO PUT A DAMPER...

...ON A MIRACLE LIKE THIS.

SHIRANUI.

YOU--

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DEFY ME?

WHAT HAPPENS, AGAIN?

DUNNO.

NO IDEA.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

DO YOU NOT GET THAT I'M TELLING YOU NOT TO MESS WITH FUUKA?

!!

ROAAAARRR

RATTLE
ガ!!
RATTLE
ガ!!
RATTLE
ガ!!
BLUE SUMMER
TIMETABLE

HUH?

I HAVE...

...A BAD FEELING.

BL

...

IF THERE'S SUCH A THING AS A GOD OF BANDS, PLEASE...

JUST LET THEM...

...GET THROUGH THESE LAST FEW SONGS IN THEIR SET.

アイツらにバンドの神様
They don't have a band god.
なんて ついてないよ。

!!

YES...?

...AND OUR CONCERT WILL BE OVER.

A LITTLE LONGER...

...HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE AFTER THIS.

WE MAY NOT...

IS THIS REALLY OKAY?

AND YET...

THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU, IS IT?!

HANG ON...

TIMETABLE

RATTLE

RATTLE

RATTLE

CRACK

WH-
WHAT'S
THAT?!

VWOOOOSH

GET
OUT OF
THERE,
YOU
GUYS!!

OH,
NO!!

!!

THE
BILLBOARD'S
FALLING ON
THE STAGE!

WOOOO

WHY... WHY WON'T YOU RUN?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! CAN'T YOU SEE?!

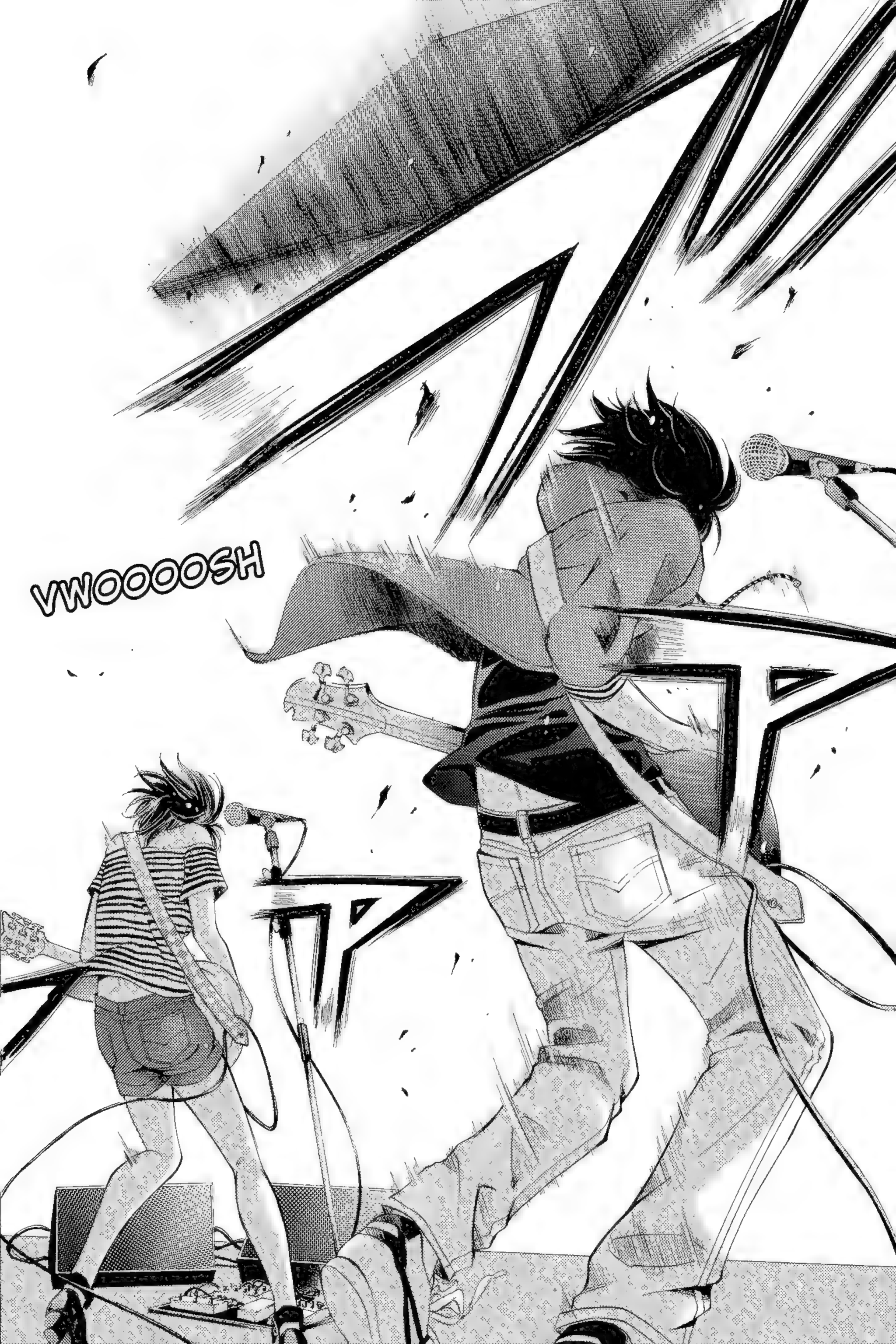
YUU-KUN!!

HEY--

EEK!!

...AND COME.

HURRY...


VWOOOOOSH

ALMOST AS IF...

THE BRIEF GUST OF WIND THAT BLEW IN THAT MOMENT...

WHA--?

THE WIND --?

...WAS WARM LIKE THE SUMMER.

TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.

WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

WHAT THEY HAVE...

...IS A BAND GODDESS.

OKAY, LET'S GET STARTED!!

GET READY TO SEE THE REST OF YOUR DREAM, YUU-KUN!

Fuuka

THE WIND...

...STOPPED.

NO...

AN EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE WIND IS BLOWING NOW.

191 SESSION!

...THEY WERE JUST SOME HIGH SCHOOL KIDS WHO COULD WRITE PRETTY GOOD SONGS.

WHEN I FIRST MET THEM...

I FIGURED, IF IT WAS TOO HARD ON THEM, THEY'D RUN AWAY LIKE KANARIA DID.

専属契約書

EXCLUSIVITY CONTRACT

I ONLY SCOUTED THEM ON A WHIM.

BUT...

THE MORE HARDSHIPS THEY FACED, THE MORE THEY GREW...

...AND THE BRIGHTER THEY SHONE.

OPENING AT THE BUDOKAN...

PLAYING AT THE HEDGEHOGS FESTIVAL...

TOURING THE WHOLE COUNTRY...

THE ONES WHO'LL BE NUMBER ONE ARE US!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S MAKE THE PRESIDENT'S DREAM COME TRUE!

THE TRACK I SENT YOU WAS RECORDED IN ONE TAKE.

THEY WERE JUST PRETENDING TO BE PLAYING A CONCERT.

SINCE WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO PERFORM...

WHY DON'T WE MAKE ONE HERE?

NOBODY WILL GO UNDER!

NOT THIS COMPANY, OR YOUR DREAM!!

...LET'S PACK THIS ENTIRE BEACH WITH FANS!!

EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR ONE DAY...

WE'RE LOOKING FOR CHALLEN-GERS!!

WE'RE THE BEST BAND THERE IS!! SO BRING IT ON!

...RUNNING AS FAST AS I COULD TO CATCH UP WITH THEM.

BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS THE ONE...

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THEY COULD JUST KEEP PRESSING FORWARD WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST HESITATION.

IT WASN'T JUST THEIR YOUTH...

...I GET IT NOW.

IT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?

YOU WERE THE STRONG TAILWIND THAT WAS PUSHING THEM FORWARD.

WHAT STUFF?!

YEAH, WELL, STUFF HAPPENED!

Y-YEAH.

WHAT?!

NACHI-SENPAI AND SARA-SENPAI ARE GOING OUT?!

WHAT?! WEREN'T YOU GAY, MAKOTO-KUN?!

UH, BY THE WAY-- I'M GOING OUT WITH TOMOMI-SENSEI NOW.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU ALL WHILE I WAS GONE?!

むむ POUT !?

JEEZ, YOU GUYS.

I'M THE ONE WHO CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THAT'S WAY TOO SUDDEN! AND YOU CHANGED YOUR HAIR, TOO!!

I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT.

WELL, APPARENTLY I WAS ACTUALLY BI, NOT GAY.

WE'RE ALSO--

ACTU-ALLY...

UH--

I HEARD YOUR SONG EARLIER... "AND YOU!!!"

I WAS REALLY MOVED!

FUUKA...

I GUESS YOU REALLY DO LIKE GIRLS WITH BIG BOOBS, YUU-KUN!!

I NEVER ONCE SAID ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!

THANK YOU, GUYS...

...FOR CALLING ME HERE TODAY.

I HAD SO MUCH FUN.

SO COULD WE PLAY TOGETHER...

...JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER?

...

OF COURSE.

I'M GLAD.

WOOO

SHE'S SINGING UP THERE!

LOOK, MOM AND DAD, LOOK!!

FUUKA'S ON THE STAGE!

...A LOT, HUH?

HA HA...

SHE MUST REALLY LOVE THAT BAND...

SHE DOES...

...YEAH.

WE CAN'T FIT THEM ALL IN THE FESTIVAL AREA!!

MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING!

YOUR DREAM'S FINALLY COME TRUE, AFTER ALL.

YOU KNOW...

IT'S OKAY TO CRY ONCE IN A WHILE.

YOUR DREAM OF PRODUCING A BAND...

WOOOO

...THAT SURPASSED THE HEDGEHOGS.

...

SHEESH.

WE LOST BIG-TIME!

FROM NOW ON...

...WE'RE LIVING IN THEIR ERA.

192 ENCORE.

THIS NEXT SONG WILL BE OUR LAST!!

THANKS SO MUCH FOR COMING OUT TODAY!

THE ONE SONG THAT YOU LEFT FOR US...

WOULD YOU SING WITH ME JUST ONE LAST TIME?

OF COURSE!

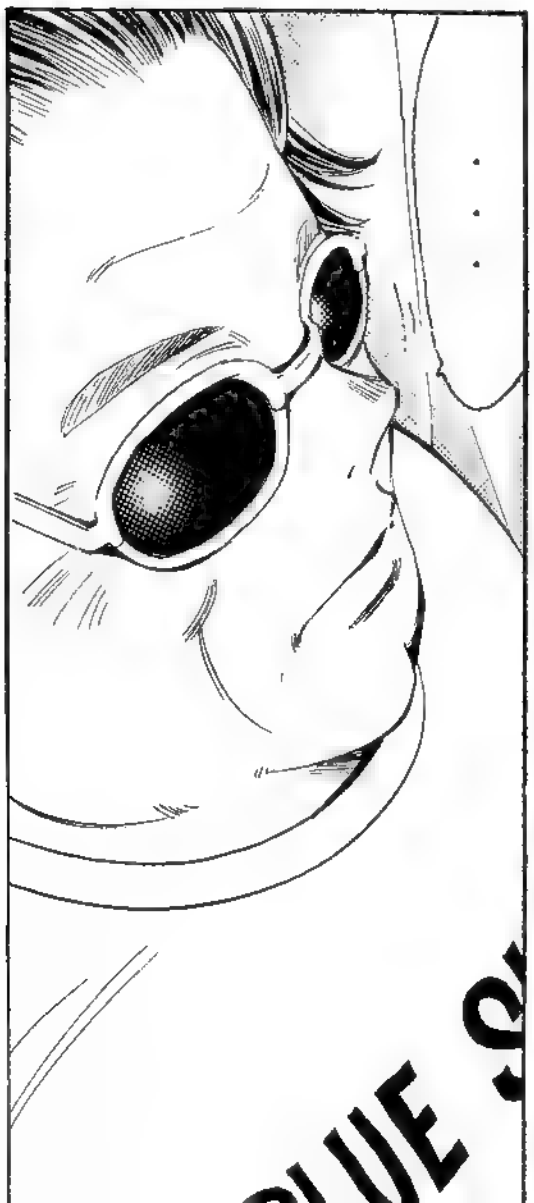
"FOR YOU."

WOOOO

WOOOO

ABCY

WOOOO



YEAH--
LIKE THEY JUST CAN'T HELP HOW MUCH THEY'RE LOVING BEING A BAND.
CHECK OUT THE LOOKS ON THEIR FACES.
THEY LOOK GREAT.

BACK WHEN YOU FIRST PLAYED AT MY CLUB.

THE SIX OF YOU LOOKED LIKE THAT TOO, Y'KNOW.

BLUE SUMME

I GUESS I WAS STILL WITH YOU GUYS THEN, HUH?

. . .

OH, YEAH.

. . .

. . .

HUH?

...AS THE HEDGE-HOGS?

DON'T YOU GUYS HAVE SOMETHING LEFT TO DO...

WITH KOYUKI HINASHI AS YOUR NEW VOCALIST--

YOU'RE ONLY JUST GETTING STARTED, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BLUE-S

THOSE KIDS WERE UP TO SOMETHING INTERESTING...

...SO WE PLAYED ALONG

B-BUT WHY?!

YEAH, RIGHT. OUR COMEBACK WAS FOR TODAY ONLY.

WE MADE SURE SHE KNEW THAT, TOO.

...

YEAH.

IT WAS FUN.

...

A FEST-IVAL...

...DOESN'T NEED TO HAPPEN MORE THAN ONCE.

...

...

THERE'S NOTHING LEFT...

...FOR US TO DO.

SO, OLD MAN...

YOU GET IT NOW?

B-BUT!!

...

YEAH.

I GET IT.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

SEE YOU NEXT TIME!!

THANK YOU!!

ENCORE!!

WOOOO

ENCORE!!

ENCORE!!

ENCORE!!

ENCORE!!

A-AOBA-CHAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!

TROT TROT

HERE!

GREAT SHOW!!

AUGH!! GIMME WATER!

AND A TOWEL!

IT'S OBVIOUS YOU'RE NOT FINE!

HUH?! WHAT THE HECK DID YOU DO?!

BUT I'M FINE, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

OH, JUST SOME STUFF.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HUH?

YO, QUIT DAWDLING AND GET READY TO GO OUT THERE!

YOUR FANS ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

DIDN'T WE AGREE THAT THE HEDGEHOGS WOULD JOIN US FOR THE ENCORE?

HUH?

. . .

ACK! I'M SORRY!!

SO MUCH HAPPENED, I FORGOT!

SERIOUSLY, WHAT HAP-PENED?

NO ONE TOLD ME THAT!!

BUT... WE ASKED AOBA-CHAN TO TELL YOU.

AND WHEN THEY HIT THE GROUND, THEY ROT...

...TO PROVIDE SUSTENANCE FOR THE NEW GROWTH.

ISN'T THAT GOOD ENOUGH?

FROM NOW ON, THIS IS YOUR AGE.

YOU DON'T NEED US ANYMORE.

HUH?

THIS ISN'T THE PLACE FOR A DEFUNCT BAND TO KEEP DRAGGING THINGS OUT.

THIS IS YOUR FESTIVAL.

!!

...THE OLD LEAVES FALL.

WHEN THE WIND BLOWS...

YOU CAN'T JUST...

...DECIDE THAT YOU'RE DEFUNCT!!

EVERYONE WHO CAME TO SEE THIS FESTIVAL...

...WAS THRILLED TO SEE THE HEDGEHOGS MAKE A COMEBACK!!

BESIDES, I STILL HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SEE...

...THE SIX OF YOU PLAYING TOGETHER!!

SIX?!

HUH?!

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE GOING TO BECOME AN AMAZING MUSICIAN AND COME BACK TO REJOIN THE HEDGEHOGS?!

WAS THAT A LIE, NISHIBE-SAN?!

N-NO.

I DID SAY THAT, BUT--

YOU'RE IN ON THIS NOW, OLD MAN?

YEAH, JUST DO IT! THE SIX OF YOU ARE FINALLY TOGETHER, AIN'T YA?!

BLUE SUM

THEY HAVE NO PROBLEM SAYING STUFF THAT GROWN-UPS NEVER WOULD!

HA HA HA!! DAMN, KIDS CAN BE SCARY!

AND WHAT DO YOU EXPECT SIX OF US TO DO?

. . .

YEAH.

Y-YEAH, HE'S RIGHT.

IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT.

. . .

AND BESIDES, TAMA'S VOICE IS--

I'VE BEEN AN OUTSIDER FOR AGES NOW, ANYWAY.

YEAH...

DON'T WORRY...

PUSH

!!

JUST BELIEVE...

WHA...

SOME-THING JUST...

...IN THE MUSIC YOU LOVE!

ENCORE!!
ENCORE!!
ENCORE!!
ENCORE!!
WOOOO
GET OUT THERE AND DO IT!
THE CROWD'S WAITING FOR YOU!!
WELL, ARE YOU GONNA DO IT OR NOT?!
ALL THE PREPARATIONS ARE DONE!

193 HEDGEHOGS.

STAFF

STAFF

WHOOOSH

STAFF

STAFF

STAFF

BLUE SUMMER

ARE THEY GONNA HAVE TWO BANDS DO THE ENCORE TOGETHER?!

WHY ARE THEY BRINGING OUT MORE EQUIP-MENT?

WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?!

UH--

WHOA!!

OUR LAST SONG WILL BE...

THANKS FOR THE ENCORE CALL!!

WOOOO

...PLAYED BY ALL SIX MEMBERS OF THE HEDGE-HOGS...

...TOGETHER WITH US, BLUE WELLS!!

...

WAIT, BUT WHO IS THAT GUY ON THE GUITAR?!

HUH?! THE HEDGEHOGS HAD SIX MEMBERS?!

YOU UP FOR THIS?

WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?

...

...THAT WOULD SO EASILY ADMIT DEFEAT TO A BUNCH OF KIDS LIKE THESE?

...

WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS, WHEN DID YOU GUYS BECOME A BAND...

HUH? THEN WHAT ARE WE-

I'M KINDA TIRED OF IT.

WE'VE ALREADY DONE THAT SONG THREE TIMES TODAY.

I KNOW.

LET'S SEE...

OKAY, HERE'S OUR LAST SONG!

"CLIMBER'S HIGH!!"

HUH?!

"WINGS OF LIGHT."

BEKI

BEKI

BEKI

PIK

I-ISN'T THIS THE NEW BLUE WELLS SONG?!

HOW ARE THEY ABLE TO PLAY IT?!

HUH?!

BUT WITH THAT RHYTHM--

THUMP

SPAAAANG

BAM

BAM

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY TIMES WE PRACTICED IT ALONG WITH THEM?!

WH-WHAT'S WITH THIS ARPEGGIO?!

!!

YOU'D BETTER...

...MEMORIZE IT ALREADY!

BWA-WAAANG

BUT WE ALWAYS FELT LIKE...

!!

...IT WASN'T QUITE ENOUGH!

BWAAANG

WHAT DO YA THINK OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, THEN?!

HE'S...

...AMAZ-ING!

AW...

SO HER VOICE REALLY IS---

MY VOICE...

...IS ALL YOU GUYS!!

!!

MURMUR

I GET IT!!

YOU CAN COUNT ON US!!

WOOOO

WE'LL BE YOUR VOICE, TAMA!!

WOOO

...TO BRING EVERYONE HERE TOGETHER AS ONE.

THEY'RE USING THE AUDIENCE'S VOICES...

...WITH ALL SIX OF ITS MEMBERS.

SO THIS IS THE HEDGEHOGS...

...BUT THEY INSTANTLY VANISHED INTO THE DISTANCE AGAIN.

I THOUGHT WE'D CAUGHT UP TO THEM...

ARE WE STILL NO MATCH FOR THEM?

EVEN AS WE ARE NOW...

THAT'S NOT TRUE...

...AT ALL!!

YOU'RE RIGHT, FUUKA!

WE'VE GOT ALL SIX OF OUR MEMBERS HERE, TOO!!

RIGHT NOW...

I'M POSITIVE WE CAN...

...SURPASS THE HEDGEHOGS!!

I FINALLY UNDERSTAND NOW, NIKO.

...TO YUU HARUNA.

WHY YOU REALLY ENTRUSTED THIS SONG...

ALONG WITH THE DREAM THEY ONCE SHARED...

...WITH THAT GIRL.

YOU WERE TOO EMBARRASSED TO PUT THE FEELING INTO WORDS YOURSELF...

...SO YOU WANTED HIM TO WRITE THE LYRICS TO EXPRESS IT FOR YOU.

EVEN IF THIS DREAM DISAPPEARS WITHOUT A SOUND...

EVEN IF IT LOSES ITS SHAPE...

IT STILL SHINES. EVEN COVERED IN DUST, YOUR LIGHT WILL NEVER GO OUT.

I'LL WISH WITH ALL MY MIGHT THAT THERE'LL NEVER BE DAYS THAT WE CAN'T RETURN TO...

LET'S BEGIN OUR "NOW"...

RIGHT HERE...

WOOOO

YOU TOOK A DAMN LONG TIME OFF ON YOUR OWN TO TRAIN.

WE THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T COMING BACK.

SWFFF

...HA HA.

YEAH... I'M HOME.

THANKS FOR THE BEST BIRTHDAY PRESENT EVER.

THIS IS THE MOST FUN I'VE EVER HAD.

. . .

FOR ME, TOO.

WELL, THEN.

FWAAA

YEAH-- UNTIL NEXT TIME!

WASN'T THAT INSANE?!

WASN'T THE FESTIVAL YESTERDAY AMAZING?!

I KNOW! I BAWLED DURING THE ENCORE!!

OH, YOU MEAN BLUE WELLS, RIGHT? I WATCHED THE VIDEO OF IT ONLINE!

Fuuka

PRESI-DENT!

WHAT IS IT? STOP YELLING.

RUSTLE

HMPH. DON'T THINK THIS MEANS YOU'VE WON.

BLUE WELLS FESTIVAL ELECTRIFIES A CROWD OF 50,000!!

SO LONG AS I'M AROUND, YOUR CAREER AS A BAND IS OVER.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS PASSED AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION!

...WHAT?

194 THAT DAY WITH YOU.

I SEE.

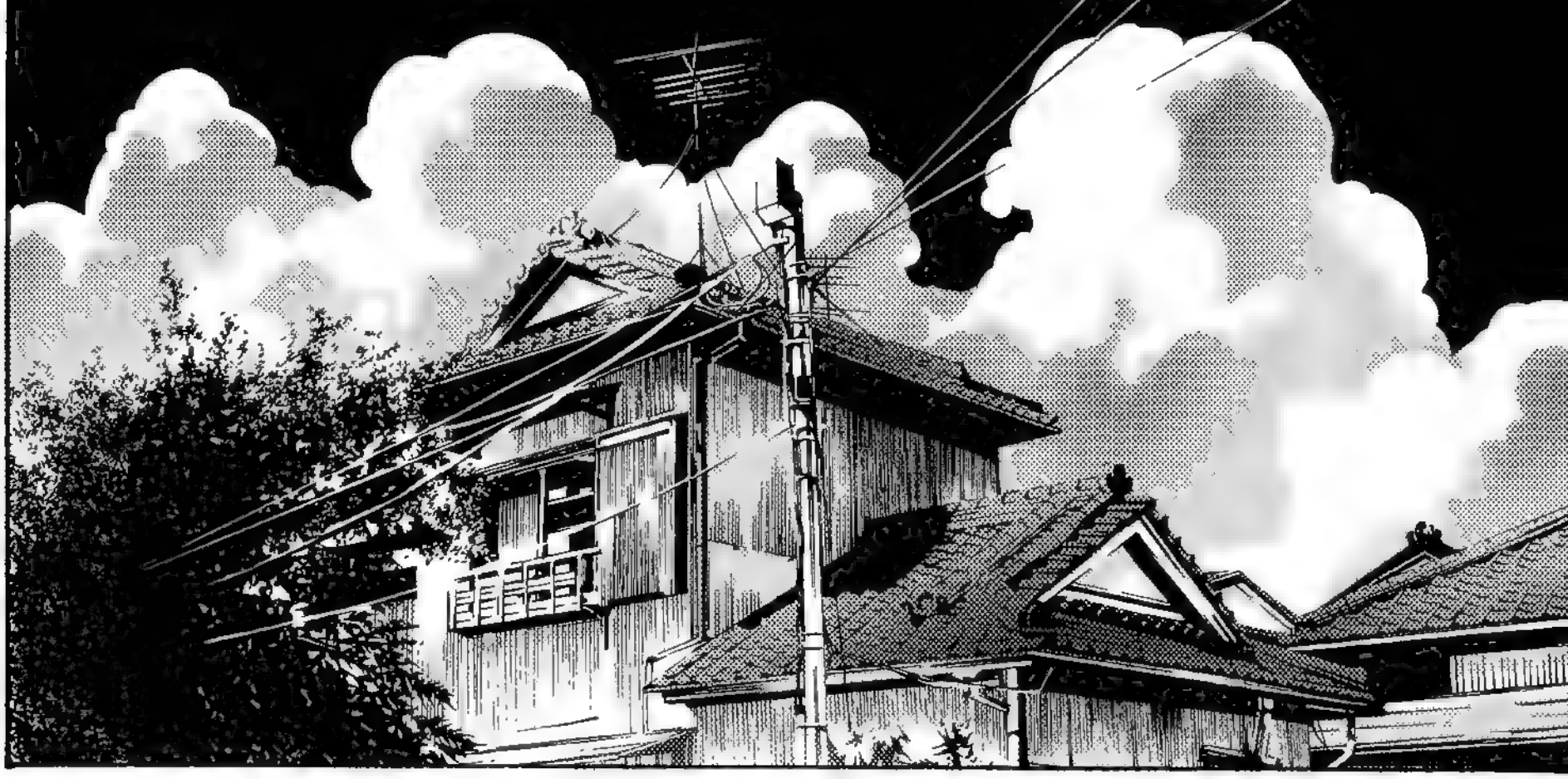
THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW.

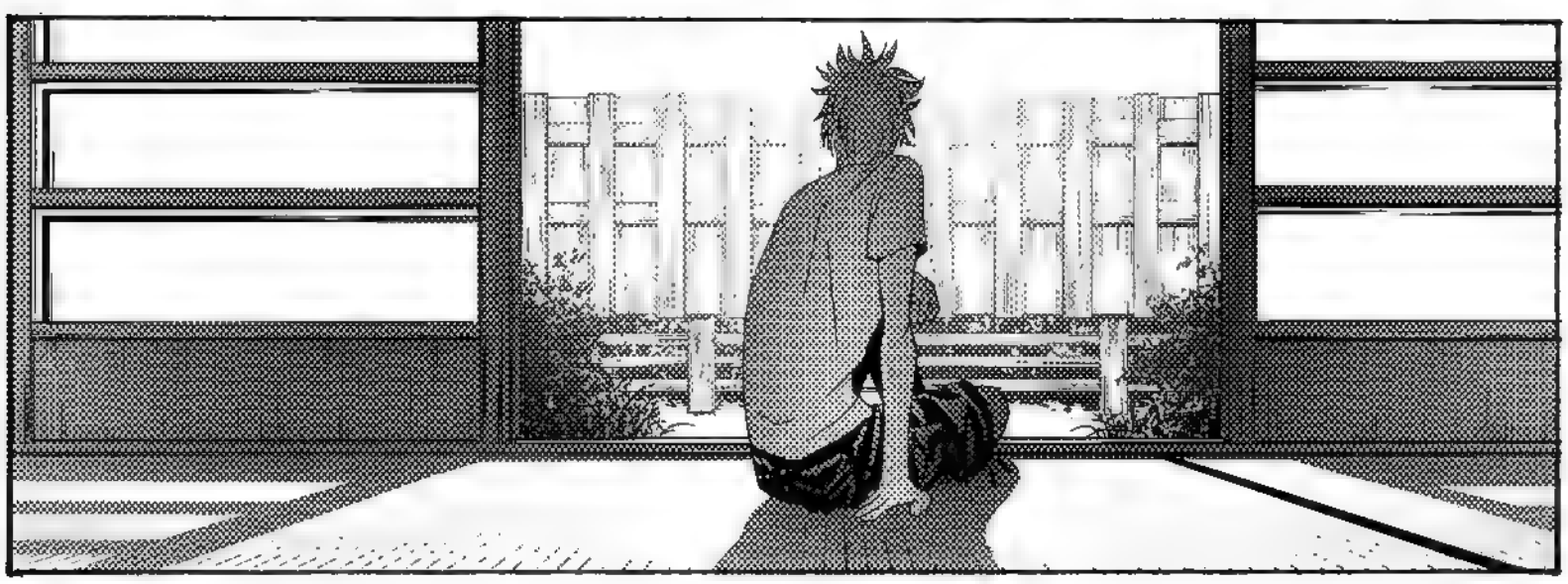
. . .

NOT AT ALL. I FELT YOU SHOULD BE INFORMED RIGHT AWAY.

SURE. I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER.

WHEW...





HUH?
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE AGED OVERNIGHT.

DUUUUUH

I JUST FEEL COMPLETELY SPENT.

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. . .

WHAT DID WE--

LIKE, WE DID SOMETHING REALLY INCREDIBLE YESTERDAY.

AND NOW IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS ALL A DREAM.

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, LEADER.

I WAS JUST WONDERING, WHAT DID WE ACTUALLY ACCOMPLISH?

YEAH...

I KNOW IT WAS, BUT--

IT WAS AN OVER-WHELMING SUCCESS.

DIDN'T YOU SEE ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO OUR FESTIVAL?

YOU MEAN...

...WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT, RIGHT?

WILL WE EVEN BE ABLE...

...TO KEEP WORKING AS A BAND?

WELL--

I HAVE HUGE NEWS!!

HUGE NEWS!!

HUGE NEWS!!

THUMP

THUMP

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT'S-

YOU GUYS!!

DUDE. CALM DOWN.

YOU'RE GONNA HURT YOURSELF WORSE.

ROLL

ROLL

GAAA-AH!!

SLIP

WHUMP

!!

WHAT? IS SHE UP TO SOMETHING AGAIN?

PRESIDENT IKOMA-- PRESIDENT IKOMA JUST--

THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!!

ZETA MUSIC DETERMINED THAT SHE COMMITTED A BREACH OF TRUST...

...AND DISMISSED HER FROM HER ROLE AS PRESIDENT!!

AND THE MOMENT THAT WAS ANNOUN-CED...

...REQUESTS FOR BLUE WELLS STARTED POURING IN FROM LIVE CLUBS ALL OVER JAPAN!!

HEE HEE.

HEE HEE HEE.

YOU'RE REALLY ENJOYING YOURSELF, HUH?

...

WELL, IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE WENT ON A DATE.

A DATE?

WE JUST WENT OUT TO BUY A NEW EFFECTOR TOGETHER.

Y-YOU KNOW I DIDN'T SAY THAT.

WHAT?! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ON A DATE WITH ME?!

YEAH, AND THAT'S WHAT PEOPLE CALL A DATE!!

ISN'T THAT --?!

HEY!

I'M A HUGE FAN!! PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR AUTO-GRAPH!!

UH--

YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT A DATE--SO ARE YOU GOING OUT?!

HEY, THEY WERE IN THE FESTIVAL YESTERDAY !!

WHAT'S UP? IS SOMEONE FAMOUS HERE?

WE WERE AT YOUR FESTIVAL YESTERDAY !!

HUH?

EXCUSE ME! YOU'RE HARUNA-SAN AND AOI-SAN FROM BLUE WELLS, AREN'T YOU?!

WHAT ARE WE--

UH...

YAMMER

LET'S TAKE A PICTURE WITH THEM!!

YAMMER

HEY! BLUE WELLS IS OVER THERE!

ARE YOU SERIOUS?! WHERE?!

HEY, WAIT UP!!

HARUNA-SAN!

WE HAVE A DATE TO FINISH!

LET'S GO!

WHA--

MAN, THAT SCARED ME.

I CAN'T BELIEVE SO MANY PEOPLE CAME AFTER US.

I KNOW. NOTHING LIKE THAT EVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

I GUESS...

...THAT MEANS OUR MUSIC REALLY REACHED EVERYONE.

...

HUH?

THIS HAPPENED THE DAY WE FIRST MET, TOO.

YOU TOOK MY HAND, AND WE RAN ALL THE WAY HERE.

THE POLICE WERE AFTER YOU FOR PERFORMING ON THE STREET...

...AND WHILE WE WERE RUNNING FROM THEM, WE MISSED THE LAST TRAIN.

OH, YEAH!

SO WE ENDED UP SPENDING THE NIGHT SINGING TOGETHER!

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF ME, YUU-KUN?

WHEN WE FIRST MET?

HUH?

WAY BACK THEN?!

...REALLY BRINGS BACK MEMORIES.

I'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THAT.

I NEVER DREAMED BACK THEN THAT WE'D END UP DATING, THOUGH.

THAT'S IT?

WELL...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE AN AMAZING SINGER.

AND JUST MAYBE...

I MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT IN THAT MOMENT...

...THAT I WANTED TO BE IN A BAND WITH YOU.

THIS IS WHY I TOLD YOU...

...TO DO THAT FROM THE START.

HUH? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, MOGAMI-SAN?

NO, NOTH-ING...

ANYWAY, IF YOU THREE WANT TO KEEP THIS BAND GOING, YOU'D BEST BE PREPARED.

STARTING TOMOR-ROW...

...WE'RE GOING TO BE PRETTY BUSY.

WELL, I SAY BRING IT ON !!

I SUDDENLY FEEL READY FOR ANY-THING!!

YOU JUST LIVE IN THE MOMENT, HUH?

WE'LL HAVE TO TELL HARUNA-SAN AND AOI-SAN WHEN THEY GET BACK!!

HEE HEE...

...

...

...

OF COURSE, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT'LL HAPPEN WITH THE BAND, THOUGH.

WE DON'T EVEN KNOW IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO PLAY GIGS OR NOT.

Y-YEAH, OF COURSE.

LET'S STAY TOGETHER FOREVER!

AS A COUPLE, AND AS MEMBERS OF THE BAND!!

HUH?

IT'S NOT ABOUT WHETHER WE CAN OR CAN'T.

IT'S ABOUT WHETHER WE WILL OR WON'T.

THERE'S SOME-THING...

...I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME.

195 FUUKA

FUUKA

WHILE RUNNING ON AND ON FOREVER...

BOOOONG

BOOOONG

I THOUGHT OF HOLDING MY BREATH...

SHEESH. WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS.

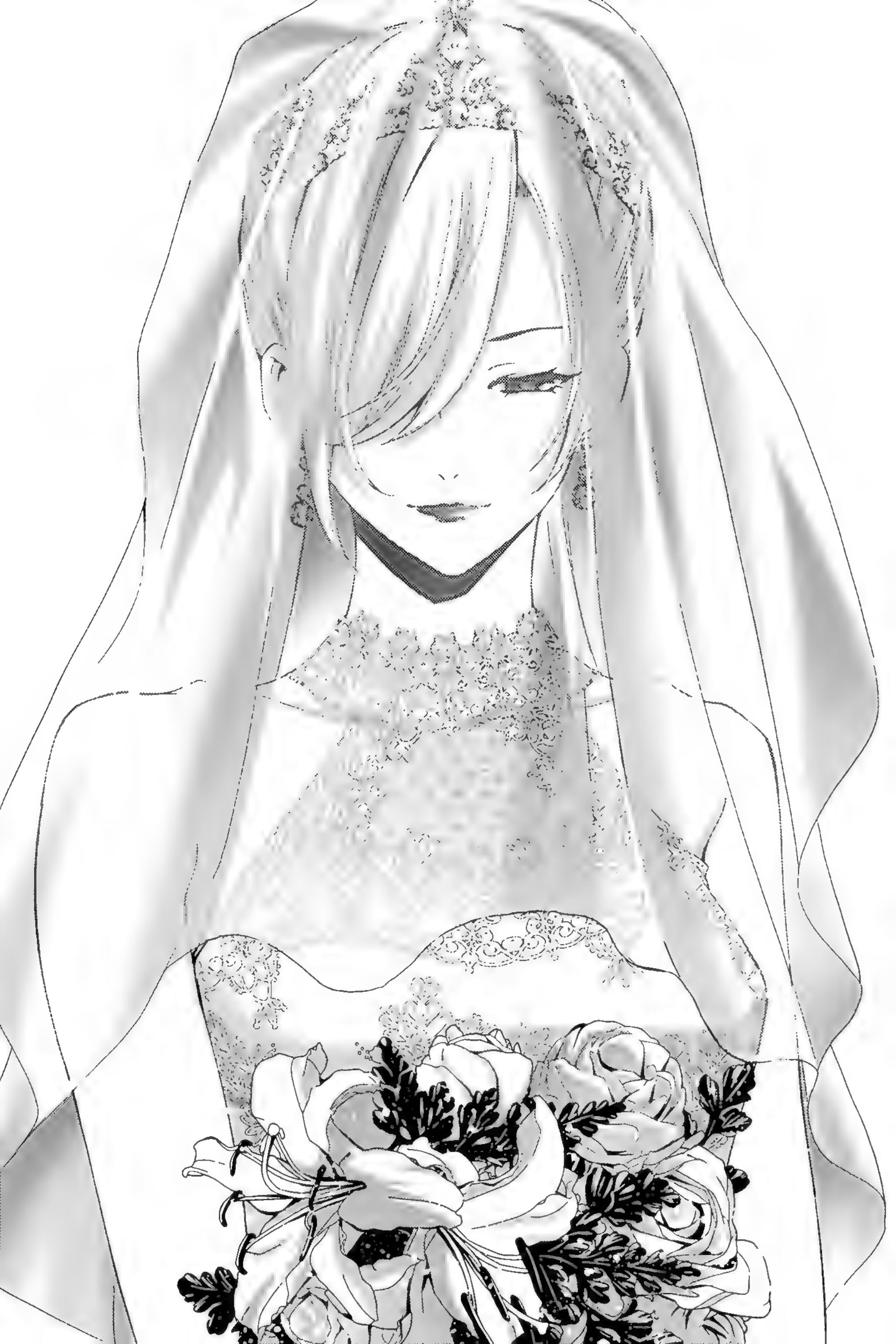
I KNOW!

NEVER THOUGHT THOSE TWO WOULD GET MARRIED, HUH?

OH!

CREEEAK

I JUST WANTED TO TRY DUMB THINGS LIKE THAT.



BUT AS YOU HURRIED US ALONG...

WELL, YOU READY?

...I HEARD IT ECHOING IN THE SKY REFLECTED IN YOUR EYES.

HOORAY!

HOORAY!

A VOICE SINGING...

FASTER AND FASTER...

AND THE FUTURE I'D HOPED FOR...

CUT IT OUT! THE CEREMONY'S STARTED!

TRADE PLACES WITH ME, MAN!!

THE WORLD I'D ENVISIONED...

FOR THE LOVE OF--

OKAY, WELL...

BEFORE I KNEW IT...

I'D LEFT THEM ALL BEHIND.

SHE'S ALL YOURS.

BUT MY HEART WAS STILL FACING FORWARD...

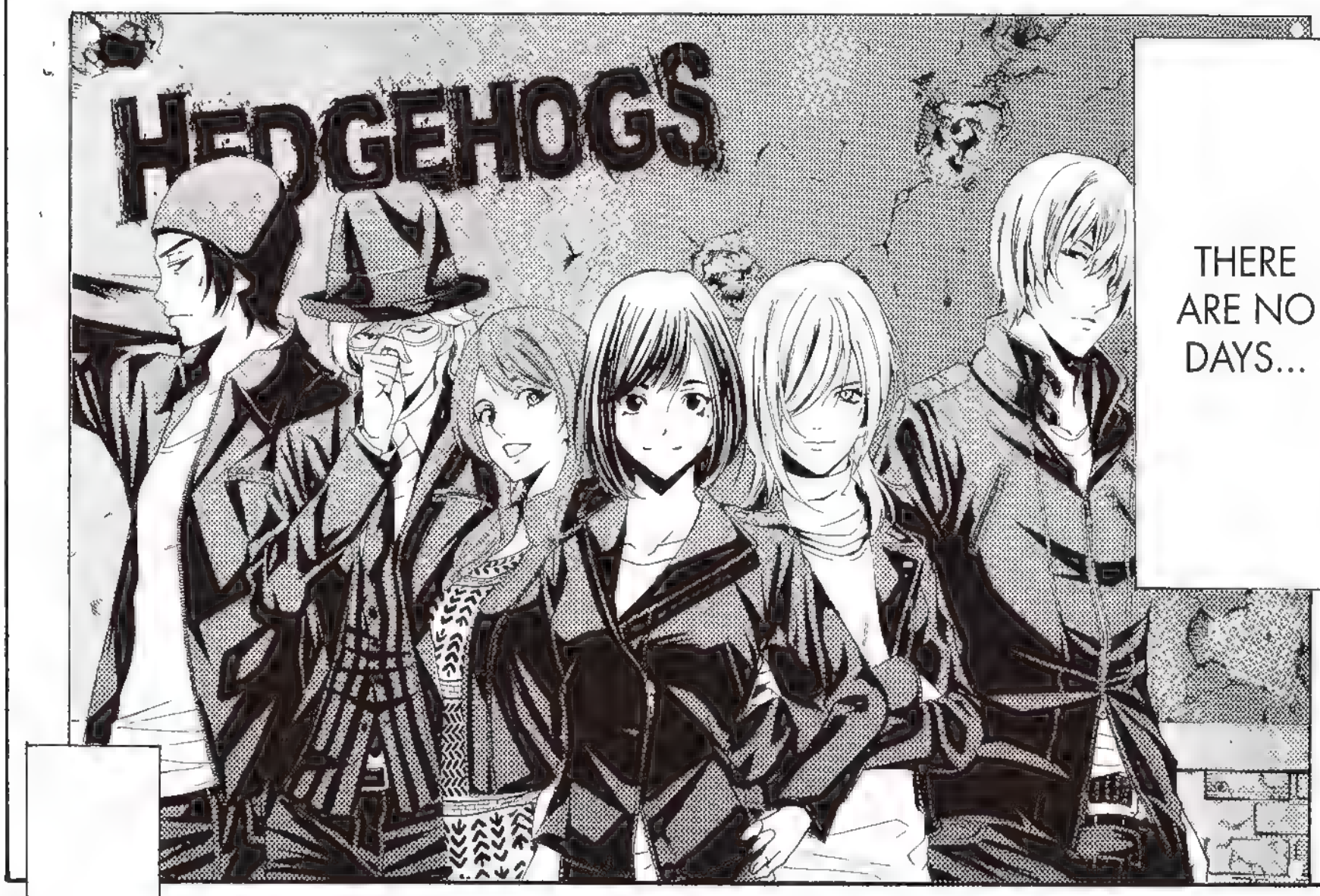
...I'LL TURN THESE FEELINGS I'M SHOUT-ING...

YOU LOOK GORGEOUS, TAMA!!

NIKO-KUN...

I'LL DO MY BEST, OKAY?

...INTO MY OWN WINGS.



...THAT WE CAN NEVER RETURN TO.

Vo.Koyuki
Gt.Tama

...IN DEFIANCE TO THE COMMON SENSE I'M SICK OF HEARING.
TALK ABOUT A HELL OF A RIVAL
HMPH. WE'RE REALLY DOING THIS?
THAT'S WHAT I'LL WISH FOR...

THE CROWD'S WAITING FOR YOU!!

HEY!

I'LL BEGIN MY "NOW" ...

TMP カ〃ン TMP カ〃ン

...RIGHT HERE.

WHAT A BRAT.

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REMEMBER...

BUT TIME HAS BEEN STOPPED EVER SINCE THAT DAY.

...JUST HOW MANY REGRETS I HAVE.

WHO, ME?

I WAS OUT OF MY JOB ANYWAY, SO I QUIT THE COMPANY

I FIGURED YOU'D COME HERE WHEN YOU WERE FEELING DOWN.

YOUR FEELINGS LAYER ON TOP OF MY ACCELERA-TING PULSE.

ECHOING IN THE SKY...

A VOICE SINGING FASTER AND FASTER...

GOOD LUCK.

...HERE. PARTING GIFT.

CCU

BLA

THE WORLD I LOST...

...AND THE DREAM THAT WAS BROKEN.

BUT IF I'M JUST GOING TO STAND STILL FOREVER...

I WON'T MESS UP NEXT TIME.

NO NEED TO WORRY.

I CAN'T REACH IT ALL AGAIN TOMOR-ROW.

...INTO MY OWN WINGS.

...

...I'LL TURN THESE FEELINGS I'M SHOUT-ING...

AND GO TO THE VERY END OF THE ETERNITY WE ONCE AIMED FOR.

NOW, LET'S CLIMB OVER THE WALL THAT LOOMS HIGH BEFORE US...

...SO LET'S RAISE OUR VOICES AND MOVE FORWARD.

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF...

THE SIGHTS WE ONCE THOUGHT WE COULD SEE...

...MAY FADE AWAY INTO NOTHING.

BUT ONCE WE MAKE IT THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT CLOUDS OUR VISION...

...MOVE AHEAD TOWARD TOMOR-ROW.

WHOOOOSH

WE WILL...

ROUTE
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WHERE THE HECK ARE WE?!
COME ON!

WE PASSED A BILLBOARD BACK THERE THAT SAID "LAS VEGAS."

YEAH, BUT!!

JEEZ, DON'T YELL SO LOUD!

IT'S HOT ENOUGH AS IT IS!

I GUESS THIS IS KINDA MY FAULT.

HEY, UH--SORRY ABOUT THIS, GUYS.

I THINK THIS IS GOOD.

HUH?

IF WE'D STAYED IN JAPAN, WE WOULD'VE HAD NO SHORTAGE OF TV AND RADIO WORK.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

WELL, IT'S NOT MUCH FUN...

...DOING STUFF LIKE THAT ANYWAY!

I WAS THE SAME AS YUU-KUN.

I STARTED FEELING A LITTLE GREEDY AFTER THAT CONCERT.

I WANTED TO GO EVEN FARTHER...

...AND BRING OUR MUSIC TO EVEN MORE PEOPLE.

WHATEVER YUU-KUN DECIDES, I'LL FOLLOW HIM ALL THE WAY.

WELL, I GUESS THAT'S FINE.

FUUKA...

. . .

I NEVER EXPECTED PRESIDENT IKOMA TO COVER ALL THE EXPENSES FOR US, THOUGH.

SHE MUST HAVE WANTED TO APOLOGIZE FOR DOING SOMETHING SO AWFUL TO AOBA-CHAN.

WELL, IT WASN'T NEARLY ENOUGH, THEN!

THAT GUY WAS KICKING ME REALLY HARD!

OH, GOOD. NICE WORK.

HEY, THANKS FOR MAKING ME DO ALL THE WORK, GUYS!!

THE CAR'S FIXED!

ALL RIGHT!

LET'S GET GOING, THEN!

AROUND THE WHOLE WORLD!!

THE BLUE WELLS WORLD TOUR!!

YEAH!!

SLAM

NOW...

YOUR LIGHT WILL NEVER GO OUT.

LET'S START AGAIN FROM HERE!

OUR OWN LEGEND!!

WE'LL DO...

... ANOTHER CONCERT AGAIN, OKAY?

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU...

...WHEN YOU GET TO THE HIGHEST OF THE HEIGHTS!

Fin

ATOGAKI
Afterword

At the beginning of serializing Fuuka,
I had all kinds of ideas for the series,
and I had built a bunch of concepts in my mind.

But before I realized it, I had been influenced
by many people I met through drawing the story,
and that took the story in unexpected directions.
So for the past four years, I had a feeling, less of
drawing the story according to plan, and more of
rushing toward a future as unpredictable as real life.

I am sure there are many things in Fuuka that people can
complain about. But I really put my heart into trying to
get across the passion the characters have for music.
It would make me very happy to know that this
was communicated to the readers, but was it...? (ha ha)

Anyway, Fuuka draws to a close for now.
Someday, if I get the chance to draw its continuation,
then I hope you willl be ready to go along for the ride!

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